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SUBJ: GSL ENCOURAGING INCREASED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICE

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND IN SPEECH BEFORE LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GSL AVIATION MINISTER KALUGALLA HAS STATED THAT IN ORDER TO PROMOTE TOURISM GSL HAS NOW ACCEPTED "OPEN SKIES" POLICY. IT IS ENCOURAGING AND ACTIVELY NEGOTIATING WITH FOREIGN FLAG AIRLINES TO INCREASE EXISTING SERVICES OR TO INITIATE NEW SERVICES TO COLOMB INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. NEW ELEMENT IS THAT GSL IS NOT EXPECTING RECIPROCAL RIGHTS IN EXCHANGE FOR GRANTING EXPANDED SERVICE TO SRI LANKA.

2. SINCE TWA ENDED SERVICE TO COLOMBO SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING RESUMPTION. FOLLOWING ALLOCATION OF GLOBAL SERVICES BETWEEN TWA AND PANAM, PANAM PRESUMABLY WOULD NOT BE POTENTIAL CARRIER TO OR THROUGH COLOMBO. WE SUGGEST PANAM BE TOLD ABOUT GSL'S NEW APPROACH.
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